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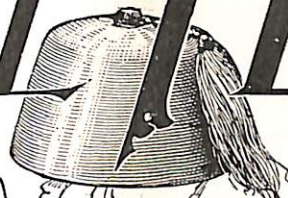

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THE ORLEANS FROM RAILWAY STATION

WEST END OF THE ORLEANS.

"CHRISTIAN HOPE."

"I hear it singing, singing sweetly,
Softly in an undertone,
Singing as if God had taught it,
It is better farther on!"

—*Mass. and R. I.*

AN INTERESTING EPISODE.

From the *Masonic Trowel*, we were handed an article by Bro. J. M. Murray, coming from the pen of Bro. J. H. Van Hoose of Vayetteville, Ark. As it contains matters of interest to Iowa, we present extracts therefrom:

"The first charter granted the pioneer Masons of Northwest Arkansas was issued by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, bearing date October 5, 1835, being No. 84. They organized under this charter and continued to work under this authority until November 5, 1838, when the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was organized, and a charter was then issued by our Grand Lodge, being No. 1.

This old charter, given by the Tennessee Grand Lodge, was laid away by Bro. W. L. Wilson, W. M. of Washington Lodge, who was elected the first Junior Grand Warden of the first Grand Lodge, to be kept as a sacred relic. During the war, in October, 1862, the Federal army came into Fayetteville. The most of our citizens had left their homes and gone south, leaving their homes vacant and their stores and offices also unoccupied by anyone. As a natural consequence the invading soldiers searched through these unoccupied stores and scattered books and papers over the floors. Capt. B. F. Little, belonging to an Iowa regiment, found this old parchment and preserved it from being destroyed. He carried it to St. Louis, and in May, 1863, delivered it to A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, who made the following endorsement on it: "This ancient charter was found in a deserted store in Fayetteville, Arkansas, by Bro. B. F. Little, of Pioneer Lodge No. 22, of Des Moines, Iowa, and delivered to me May, 1863, for safe keeping. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary," etc.

After Bro. O'Sullivan's death, Bro. George Frank Gouley was made his successor in office, and he found it, and in the summer of 1866 sent it to Bro. W. D. Blocher, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, with a statement of how it came into his possession; and in November, 1866, Bro. Blocher delivered it to me at Little Rock, while I was there attending the Grand Lodge, and I returned it to my lodge at our December meeting, 1866, endorsed upon it: "Long lost but now found." Our lodge adopted resolutions of thanks to Bro. Little, also to Bros. O'Sullivan and Gouley. The lodge then presented this old charter to me, and I afterwards presented it to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. (Page 48, proceedings of 1875, also page 54, proceedings of 1879.) The Grand Lodge, by a unanimous vote, tendered its thanks to our unknown brother, B. F. Little, of Iowa, for his brotherly act, and I was authorized to convey to him a copy of said resolution; but I tried in vain for several years to obtain his address or the address of his family. Bro. Fay Hempstead caused this old charter to be elegantly bound in morocco binding and properly labeled, and put carefully away among other relics of the long ago, where it yet remains. During the last session of our Grand Lodge we had the honor of a visit from Bro. Sydney Smith, Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and while there I took him into Bro. Hempstead's office, where he was shown the old charter with its history written on it by those through whose hands it had passed years ago, all of whom are now dead. At my request he very cheerfully undertook the task of trying to find out what had become of our thoughtful brother, B. F. Little, and I am just in receipt of a letter from Bro. Smith, enclosing letters from Bro. Alf Wingate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, also from Bro. Joseph M. Griffiths, of Des Moines, Iowa, dated December 15, 1894, which inform me that Bro. B. F. Little died soon after delivering our charter to Bro. O'Sullivan, viz., in August, 1863, at Glasgow, Missouri, and was buried with military honors at Glasgow. He was on the staff of Gen. Barthalon. Bro. Griffiths says of him: "He was a brother possessing more than ordinary ability and decided literary taste, as well as a high standard of moral obligation in his reverence for the Infinite Father as well as for the faithful discharge of his Masonic obligations towards his fraters. His standard and guide was the 'golden rule.' Bro. Little was a member of Pioneer Lodge and Corinthian Chapter No. 14, R. A. Chapter and Temple Commandery K. T., of Des Moines, Iowa.

The only surviving relatives of Bro. Little are Mrs. Sarah J. Griffiths and her aged husband, Bro. Joseph M. Griffiths, of Des Moines, Iowa. Both are very aged, and I have written to them informing them of the action taken by our Grand Lodge, sending them a history of the old charter."

$8.50 to Cleveland and Return $8.50.

For the meeting of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, O., June 23d and 24th, the NICKEL PLATE ROAD will sell tickets June 21st and 22d, Chicago to Cleveland and return at $8.50 for the round trip, which is $1.50 less than via other lines. Tickets available on all trains, returning until June 25th. Further information cheerfully given on application to J. Y. Calahan, Gen'l Agent, 111 Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

We have received a copy of the able address of Sir Knight E. T. Taubman, April 2, 1896 at the Scottish Rite banquet at Aberdeen.

FROM THE NICKEL PLATE.

CHICAGO, May 13th, 1896.

MR. J. W. GEIGER,
Recorder El-Kahir Temple,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DEAR SIR:

I desire to call your attention to the excellent service now being afforded by the Nickel Plate Road from Chicago to the East and desire more particularly to place this information before you to be used on occasion of the meeting of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, during June. The rate from Chicago to Cleveland and return on this occasion is $8.50 for the round trip. The rate via the standard lines Chicago to Cleveland and return is $10.00 and we believe we are in a position to afford the shriners as pleasant a trip on this occasion as they have ever enjoyed on any previous similar occasion. I would suggest the advisability of your conferring with the representatives of railroads initial at your city who will be pleased to confirm any statement that I have made herein. We will be pleased to accept through cars from any of our western connections that are properly equipped and run them through from starting point to Cleveland without transfer, or any other courtesy consistent with our rules that will tend to afford you a pleasant trip en route.

Yours truly,

J. Y. CALAHAN,
Gen'l Agent.

A circular from the State Librarian setting forth the advantages to be derived from the State Library Extension plan, about to go into effect in Iowa, whereby any "public, incorporate, school or College library in the State, may become an "Associate Library"—or even twenty-five citizens may secure its benefit. For particulars write Mrs. Laura H. Cope, State Librarian, Des Moines, Iowa.

GENERAL MENTION.

We acknowledge the receipt of a neat and Masonic Calendar and Directory of Winfield, Kan., from the hand of Sir B. F. Sadil, Secretary and Recorder of the concordant bodies of his city.

LOOK OUT TUBBS.

It is reported that one Geo. S. Tubbs, has been representing himself to Masons in Boone, as a member of the bodies in this city, including El-Kahir Temple. He is not connected with any of them and whenever he tries that racket set him down as a fraud. Let that Tubb stand on his own bottom.

IOWA MASONIC EXCHANGE.

We are frequently asked to find out whether some way cannot be devised by which an exchange of Annals and Proceedings of the various Grand bodies can be made. We will give this space for the purpose of calling attention to the matter.

Consignments of duplicates can be made to us (if prepaid) and we will return all numbers wanted by the consigners, and continue to do so as fast as their wants come in, in the order of registry. This is not done for profit but to encourage the formation of libraries by bodies and individuals.

WANTED.

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Iowa Grand Chapter 1869, '70, '71, '72 (2); '73 (3); '74 (3); '75 (3); '76 (2); '77 (3); '78 (3); '79, '80 (3); '81 (2); '82, '83, '84, '85 (2); '86 (2); '87 (2); '88, '89, '90, '91 (2); '92 (2); '93 (2); '94, '95.

Iowa Grand Commandery, 1882, '84, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91 (2); '92 (3); '93 (3); '94, '95 (2).

Iowa Grand Chapter O. E. S., 1886, '93, '94, '95.

Imperial Council N. M. S., 1887, '93 (2); '94, '95 (2).

Correspondence solicited.

JNO. W. GEIGER.

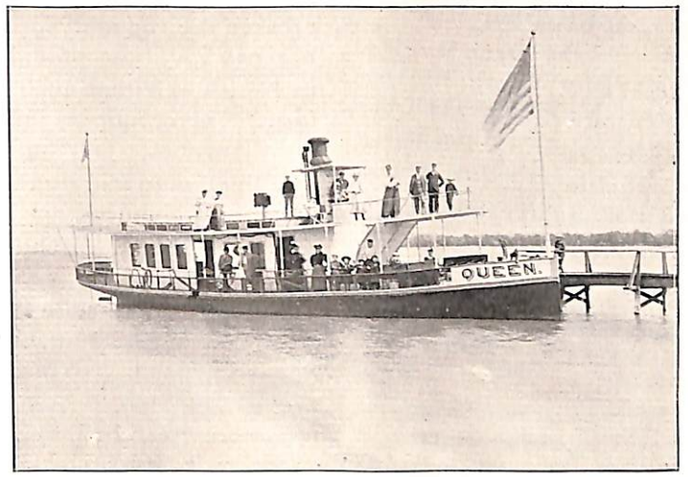
Marion, Iowa.

For the Meeting of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland, June 23d and 24th.

The NICKEL PLATE ROAD will sell tickets available on all trains June 21st and 22d from Chicago to Cleveland and return at $8.50 for the round trip good returning until June 25th. This is a saving of $1.50 on the round trip as compared with other lines and our passenger service includes fast trains, drawing room sleeping cars and an unexcelled dining service. For further particlars, address J. Y. Calahan, Gen'l Agent, 111 Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The Duke of Wellington was a Freemason, and his father, Garrett, the first Earl of Mornington, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1777.

Sir Cassius M. Barnes is now Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma and Sir Harper S. Cunningham Grand Recorder.



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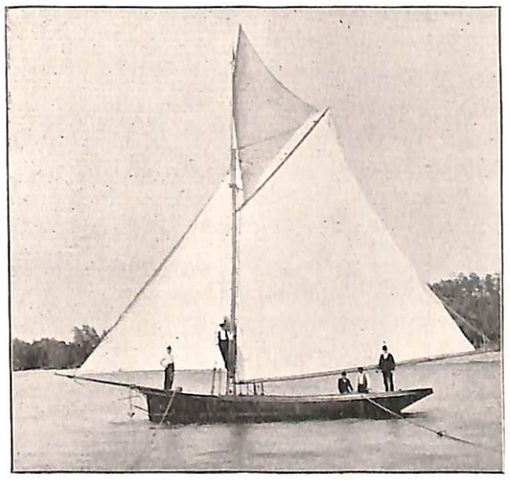


THE "CHARLOTTE R."

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL.....GRAND MASTER
Iowa City.
Willis S. Gardner.....Senior Grand Warden
Clinton.
W. L. Ehlers.....Junior Grand Warden
Correctionville.
H. T. Blackburn.....Grand Treasurer
Des Moines.
T. S. Parvin.....Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

H. B. Wyman.....Deputy Grand Master
Sheldon.
N. R. Parvin.....Deputy Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.
Rev. Jas. Edmundson.....Grand Chaplain
Marshalltown.
O. P. Worsley.....Senior Grand Deacon
Red Oak.
J. H. Cable.....Junior Grand Deacon
Danville.
G. W. Lipe.....Senior Grand Steward
Council Bluffs.
J. H. Valentine.....Junior Grand Steward
Mason City.
O. W. Treman.....Grand Marshal
Newton.

CUSTODIANS.

C. T. Granger, (1899) Prest., Des Moines.
G. B. Van Saun, (1897) Secretary, Cedar Falls.
W. P. Allen, (1901) Dubuque.

GRAND LODGE SESSION.

Tuesday morning, June 2, 9 a. m., Escalibur Commandery No. 13, K. T., headed by the Iowa State Band, escorted the Grand Lodge in procession over a short parade to the M. E. church, where the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened in ample form in its Fifty-third Annual Communication. The Grand Master appointed Dr. T. B. Lacey as S. G. W., *protem* and Rev. P. V. D. Vedder was appointed Grand Chaplain. Visiting Brothers in good standing were admitted to the gallery.

The Grand Master then read his address. He congratulates the assembled craft; remarks upon the spirit of harmony prevailing; general current events, foreign wars, the persecution of the Armenians, Cuba, and the conditions of our own country, were noticed in chaste and characteristic style. Dispensations were granted for the institution of ten new lodges. Two dispensations were refused, one withdrawn, and one received, for which the papers were completed prior to April 1, had to be laid over till after Grand Lodge. The Grand Master believes that as the population increases the convenience of having Masonic homes should be provided, as contiguous as health and continued prosperity will allow. The corner stones of two new Halls; two churches, and an I. N. G. Armory building, were laid by the Grand Master or his special deputies.

A new hall at Waucoma was dedicated by P. G. M., G. B. Van Saun.

The fear that dedicated halls owned by corporate stock companies would, in case of surrender of charter or its revocation, revert to the Grand Lodge, brought out the following proposed amendment:—Sec. A.

"Amendment Proposed: None of the real estate or property owned by a subordinate lodge, or the members thereof, except the property described in Section 33, shall, upon the surrender or revocation of the charter of such subordinate lodge, or upon its becoming extinct or defunct, become the property of the Grand Lodge except by purchase."

Five charters were granted during the past year and all duly instituted.

One charter was surrendered, 534 Ute.

Four lodge halls, 68, 241, 224, 279 were destroyed by fire.

Examination for advancement, under Sec. 146 of the Code must be made in the same lodge where the brother received the third degree.

Mnemonics, keys and ciphers, came in for notice; the prevalence of the use of imperfect and improper keys, seems to indicate the necessity for some provision by which the abuse will be abated. [Will Iowa follow Vermont, Massachusetts and some other jurisdictions and provide an authoritive cipher ritual?] This matter was sent to the committee on jurisprudence with orders to report at this session (1896).

A broad and manly comment upon his idea of the prerogatives of the Grand Master, was made—"he is bound to respect and obey its provisions (Masonic law) to the same extent as the youngest entered apprentice."

Fifty-two lodges came near being disciplined under Section 195 of the Code.

The negligent Masters had better not presume too far on this subject. The annoyance caused by impostors and Masonic dead-beats, led to the presentation of the plans of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, of New York city.

Charges of un-masonic conduct were filed against a P. J. G. W., with proper service. A committee, J. Stevens, J. F. Martin, and A. N. Alberson was appointed and will take testimony and report at this session.

The tangled demit law was remarked upon, and plans suggested for at least partial relief.

The question of the payment of dues in advance, under Sec. 172, was noticed and asked to be referred to the proper committee.

The question of the right of demitted Masons to sign petitions for dispensations to form a new lodge, was brought out and some authoritive statement asked.

The question of Masonic relief (to worthy subjects) was discussed and referred to a special committee.

The connectional relation of Masons to Chapters and Commanderies was noticed, and we opine that the movement will finally lead to action such as will compel affiliated relation throughout, to hold relations beyond the blue lodge.

[Will that make a good law to work both ways?]

Following is a statement of the work done in the subordinate lodges during the year:

INCREASE.

Number initiated	1,543	
" passed	1,450	
" raised		1,489
" admitted		753
" reinstated		219
Total increase for the year		2,461

DECREASE.

Number dimitted	776	
" died	318	
" suspended for unmasonic conduct	7	
" suspended for non-payment of dues	735	
" dropped from rolls	19	
" expelled	20	
Total decrease during the year		1,875
Leaving a net gain of		586
Total membership		26,811

Greater promptness in collecting dues and closer attention to keeping up the finances was recommended as the means of cutting down the suspensions for n. p. d.

The Grand Master referred to the twenty-six decisions heretofore published by circular and in this journal.

The address is to be classed with the ablest of its predecessors, and was listened to throughout with unbroken attention.

The roll was called.

The committees as heretofore published were announced.

CALLED TO REFRESHMENT.

2 p. m., Tuesday, June 2.—A letter from R. W., Senior Grand Warden W. S. Gardner was received, regretting his unavoidable absence, and was read by the Grand Master.

The roll made out by the committee on credentials was called.

The report of the Grand Secretary, trustees of the grand charity fund, and that of Dr. Coxe on correspondence, were presented and distributed in printed form.

The committee on the Grand Master's address presented their report. They recommend the approval of all his official acts. The ability of the address was complimented. [It is a document that ought to be in the hands of every reading Mason].

The recommendation for a committee to present a report on our demit law was adopted but instructed to report at *this* instead of next session. Hon. C. T. Granger, Judge Gamble, and E. C. Blackman were appointed.

Various portions of the address were referred as usual.

The committee reported on Appeals and Grievances. There were thirty-four cases (part) reported. On thirty expulsions, four suspensions.

EVENING PROGRAM:

TUESDAY EVENING.

The following program was rendered at the M. E. church this evening:

Overture.....Orchestra
JOHN EPPEL, MRS. CLARA MANN, AL. PRATER, JOHN SHELLHORN, FRED, MONTGOMERY, EDGAR MANN, MISS AGNES PICOTTE.
Address of Welcome.....JUDGE D. R. HINDMAN
Response.....GRAND MASTER GEO. W. BALL
Violin Duett.....Selected
MRS. E. N. MANN, JOHN EPPEL.
Address.....PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN J. W. GEIGER
Piano Duett.....Overture from William Tell
MRS. F. C. OLMSTED, MRS. J. K. ELWELL.
Baritone Solo—"The Holy City".....Adams
C. C. CLARK, Burlington.
Address.....JUDGE A. R. DEWEY
Vocal Solo—"At Parting".....Loring
MISS ELSIE HELD.
Tender of the Church to the Grand Lodge.....
.....REV P. V. D. VEDDER.
Song—"Boatman's Goodnight".....Young Ladies Chorus
MISSES MAMIE CLAPP, GERTRUDE CLAPP, SADIE BILLMIRE, MABEL SHULTERS, ANNA FAVRE, EDNA GRONER, BESSIE WEAVER, KITTY HILL, HELEN STRIKER, WINIFRED STRIKER.

Among the recommendations of the Grand Master, that favoring subscription to the reports of the General Masonic Relief Association, was adopted and the monthly circular of that organization will now reach each lodge in Iowa. Charters were granted to the ten lodges applying therefor.

Brother Thomas Lambert, chairman of the committee on chartered lodges presented his report, showing that every lodge was correct, (the second time in fifty years). This success is due to the tireless labor of our "Tom," for which he shall have his reward—hereafter.

Oskaloosa was chosen for the next annual communication in 1897.

The following were elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Grand Master—Geo. W. Ball, Iowa City.
Sinior Grand Warden—Thomas Lambert, Sabula.
Junior Grand Warden—C. C. Clark, Burlington.
Grand Treasurer—J. M. Woodworth, Marshalltown.
Grand Secretary—T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Deputy Grand Master—W. L. Eaton, Osage.
Deputy Grand Secretary—N. R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. P. V. D. Vedder, Boone.
Senior Grand Deacon—J. F. Grote, West Side.
Junior Grand Deacon—W. B. Davis, Lewis.
Senior Grand Steward—M. R. Ansbaugh, Clarinda.
Junior Grand Steward—J. J. Thompson, Beacon.
Grand Marshall—William Lamb, Northwood.
Grand Tyler—Theodore Schreiner, Mt. Pleasant.

The committee on credentials made a full and carefully prepared report to the lodge this morning. The report shows the following facts:

Whole number of lodges enrolled, 539.
Number of working lodges, 468.
Number under dispensation and chartered at this meeting, 10.
Number represented here, 406.
Number of Masters and Wardens present, 358.
Number of proxies, 145.
Number of grand officers present, 14.
Number of permanent members, 18.
Total attendance, 535.

The proposed changes in the code among which was the demit law, were laid over until next year.

Complimentary Resolutions for the splendid hospitality of the Masons and citizens of Boone were unanimously adopted.

The grand officers were installed.

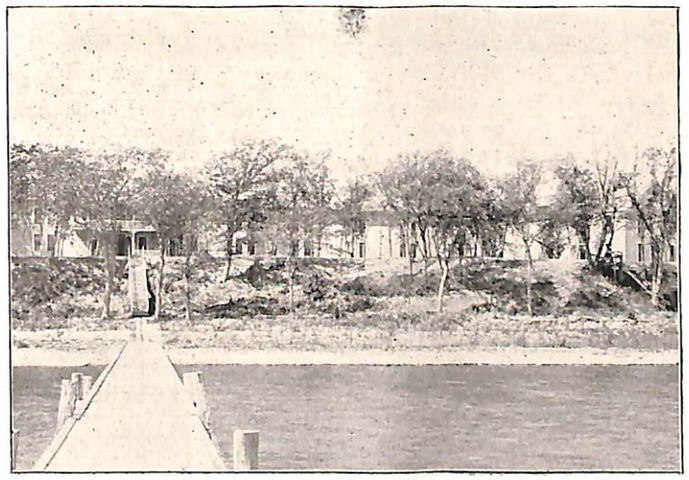
Just before the close of the session yesterday Grand Master Ball announced the following appointments:

Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund—Jas. D. Gamble, P. G. M., of Knoxville, (reappointed).

Committee on Jurisprudence—L. C. Blanchard, Oskaloosa; Crom. Bowen, Des Moines; C. W. Neal, Stuart.

Fraternal Correspondence—J. C. W. Cox, Washington.

"THE POINT" TEMPLAR PARK.



TEMPLAR PARK.

GRAND LODGE.

As usual the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was preceded by a three days school conducted by the Grand Custodians, Geo. B. Van Saun, Hon. C. T. Granger, and Dr. W. P. Allen. The school opened Friday, May 29, and closed with work in the third degree, Monday evening, June 1. The attendance was the largest yet known, and all we talked with were pleased and profited thereby.

The complaint that Boone was too small to entertain the Grand Lodge was cured in short order when it was found that there were more rooms than needed, to the capacity of at least five hundred. Boone entertained the Masonic guests in the best manner one could desire. As an expression of their appreciation the School passed the following resolution:

For the esteemed courtesy on the part of the officers and members of the W. R. C. of the city of Boone in presenting the Grand Tyler, T. Schreiner, with a bouquet for each of the members on Decoration Day, the Grand Lodge School of Instruction, A. F. and A. M. of the state of Iowa, in session in said city, on motion of said T. Schreiner, hereby tenders to them its sincerest thanks and kindest wishes, that this testimonial be certified to the said W. R. C. by the Secretary.

The Grand Lodge School of Instruction
By GEO. VANSAUN,
C. T. GRANGER,
W. T. ALLEN,
Its Custodians.

BOONE, Ia., June 1, 1896.

I hereby certify that the above was unanimously adopted by the above named body this 1st day of June, 1896, and signed by its custodians.

A. W. KINKAID, Secretary.

NOTES.

The Grand Tyler, Theodore Schreiner, to-day presented to the Women's Relief Corps of Boone, his photograph, which the ladies will frame and hang in their hall. They value the gift very highly.

THIS IS GOOD.

The Davenport Lodges have arranged a plan by which one gives a banquet at its REGULAR communication, in turn, so that each lodge serves once in three months. Davenport Lodge 37, Trinity 208, and Fraternal 221 are in the combination, and they say it far surpasses the practice of a lunch when working in the third. At regulars there is now a better attendance and at all communications more time for social intercourse. It is a good thing. Let others try it.

Dale Lodge 456, Hawarden, Iowa, has raised 12 since January 1, '96, and have three ready for raising now. Good work.

While in Anamosa May 30, we had a pleasant visit with Brother T. R. Ercanbrack, Deputy Grand Commander of Iowa. He escorted us to the Masonic Hall and showed us the fine new carpet and the electric lighting lately placed there for the greater comfort of the craft.

It is a great pity that some one local or Grand lodge officer does not arrange for a temporary mailing list of some reliable daily for which Masons anywhere might subscribe, and get during the Grand Lodge a full report of its doings.

There is no rule for crossing the stewards rods at the head, or that of the deacons at the foot of the lines at any time in any degree,—nor is there any rule forbidding it.

The singing of a stanza of "Nearer My God to Thee" while going to prayer in the third, when deliberately conducted, adds greatly to the interest of the occasion.

The meetings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa are annually growing in interest. It is a pleasure socially as well as Masonically to greet hundreds of brothers and fellows who have wrought with skill, industry and zeal in the quarries, and who come up for the wages of corn, wine and oil always lavishly dispensed at Grand Lodge.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1896.

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Grand Encampment) Iowa, Missouri and Ohio—Sir Knight Geo. M. Moulton, V. E., Grand Captain General, Chicago, Ill., Representative.

GRAND OFFICERS.

T. B. LACY	Council Bluffs.	GRAND COMMANDER
T. R. Ercanbrack	Anamosa.	Deputy Commander
F. H. Loring	Oskaloosa.	Grand Generalissimo
Geo. W. Bever	Cedar Rapids.	Grand Captain General
John W. Geiger	Marion.	Grand Prelate
J. H. Pettibone	Burlington.	Grand Senior Warden
D. M. Brownlee	Sioux City.	Grand Junior Warden
E. B. Shaw	West Union.	Grand Treasurer
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines.	Grand Recorder
F. E. Fuller	Jefferson.	Grand Standard Bearer
Alex. Peddie	Emmettsburg.	Grand Sword Bearer
W. W. Straight	Atlantic.	Grand Warder
Theodore Shreiner	Mt. Pleasant.	Grand Sentinel

PROGRAM FOR FESTAL WEEK, TEMPLAR PARK.

SUNDAY, JULY 12th, 1896.

3:00 P. M.—Devotional Services, conducted by Rev. J. W. Geiger, Grand Prelate.

MONDAY, JULY 13th, 1896.
GENERAL PREPARTION DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 14th, 1896.

9:00 A. M.—Drill—Sir Geo. W. Bever, G. C. G: Drill-master.
10:00 A. M.—Opening of the Grand Commandery.

AFTERNOON.
General Recreation and Band Concert.

3:00 P. M.—Ladies' Organization.
7:00 P. M.—Dress Parade.
8:30 P. M.—Grand Officers Reception.
10:30 P. M.—Fireworks.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th, 1896.

9:00 A. M.—Drill.
10:00 A. M.—Session of the Grand Commandery.

AFTERNOON.
General Recreation and Band Concert.

7:00 P. M.—Dress Parade.
8:30 P. M.—Complimentary Hop at Hotel Orleans.
General Social at Templar Park.
10:30—Fireworks.

THURSDAY, JULY 16th, 1896.

9:00 A. M.—Drill.
10:00 A. M.—Session of Grand Commandery.

AFTERNOON.
General Recreation and Band Concert.

7:00 P. M.—Dress Parade.
8:30 P. M.—Ladies' Social.
10:30 P. M.—Fireworks.

FRIDAY, JULY 17th, 1896.

9:00 A. M.—Drill.
10:00 A. M.—Public Installation and final session of the Grand Commandery.

AFTERNOON.
General Recreation.

7:00 P. M.—Dress Parade.
8:30 P. M.—General Social.

THE TEMPLAR PARK FLEET.

We were greatly pleased to hear from the lips of Sir Knight Atkins that the formidable fleet of Templar Park is to be greatly strengthened. Heretofore there have been three boats of the yellow fleet, owned by the Knights, and a number hired from the point below; now the "LYDIA," a magnificent launch is ready to be launched upon the waters of Spirit Lake. It is built of live oak and furnished in elegant style. A powerful naptha engine and a perfect steering arrangement make the boat as safe as a life-boat. Sirs Atkins and Lacey certainly deserve praise for the interest they take in the enjoyment of the Templar Park family.

THE NEW TACTICS.

From the Grand Commander of Iowa, K. T., comes the announcement that the Manual and Tactics adapted to Iowa, has been completed and is ready for distribution. It is a work every Sir Knight wants. Single copies, 25 cents; 6 for $1.30; 12 for $2.50. Address, Alf Wingate, Des Moines, Iowa.

From mysterious hints dropped by the ladies of the Templar Park family, we have reason to believe that our wives, etc., are up to something for Festal Week that will cap the climax of former years; Arab suits and all.

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ASCENSION DAY.

Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather Apollo Commandery 26, observed the day (May 14) quite fully. The exercises were held in the Asylum. Some fifty Knights and ladies came in from Manchester and other places. Among the features were addresses by Rev. T. E. Fleming; Judge Dewey; P. G. C., D. W. Clements and the writer. A visit was paid to the Library, and while the work was done in the Order of the Temple in the evening in the Asylum, the ladies were entertained at the Opera.

We notice that the Grand Commandery of D. C. met in Washington May 6, and elected Sir Frank H. Thomas, Grand Commander, and Isaac L. Johnson, Grand Recorder. We notice that the Grand Prelate is among the appointed officers.

St. Omer Commandery 15, Burlington, observed Ascension day with appropriate ceremonies. The pilgrimage to the cemetery was followed by a banquet, and the evening program was supplied by the ladies. It is said to have been a rich one. We're after one of the original poems. We'll keep asking "ever more."

GRAND COMMANDERY.

IMPORTANT.

Just as we go to press the particulars of the Templar Park outing reach us. Two dollars ($2) will be charged for the use of each room for the season. First come first served. Rooms reserved will not be held beyond Tuesday evening, July 14. Two spring cots and two chairs with each room. Bring your own bedding. Sargent Bros. transfer baggage; Passengers 25 cents each on bus line; either depot. Board, 50c per meal; $1.25 per day, four days or over, or $7.00 per week, Hotel Orleans. See Field Day prices. Ladies Band, of Eldora, for music. Railroads one and one-third fare for round trip, certificate plan.

The Grand Commander, T. B. Lacey, will be addressed after July 1, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

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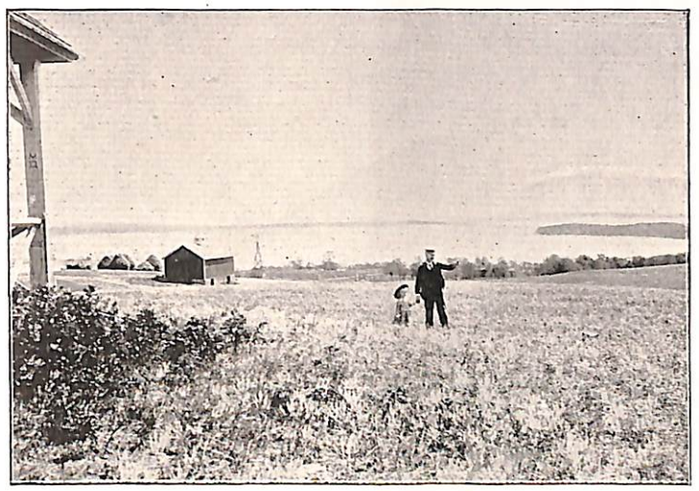
All efforts to raise extended jurisdiction over rejected material are critical and should be undertaken with great care and only after long deliberation.

It pays always to be manly and square with the world. It costs less to try to do right than to be guilty of wrong, and the man who does a mean act never fails to get his—"medicine."

From the number of approving remarks over our editorial article, "A Living Issue," published last month, we feel that the day may yet come when some relief will be afforded the innocent victims of these Masonic hawks.

The editor of this journal has, a few times been slightly teased by ill-advised zealots over his devotion to the Masonic institution, but only once, has he been annoyed and personally hurt, by the action of those who should be his friends, over his work as a minister, even while it was doing good to those who misunderstood him. Let no man open closets in his search for skeletons. We know where a number are concealed that may come forth, and when they do they'll rattle.



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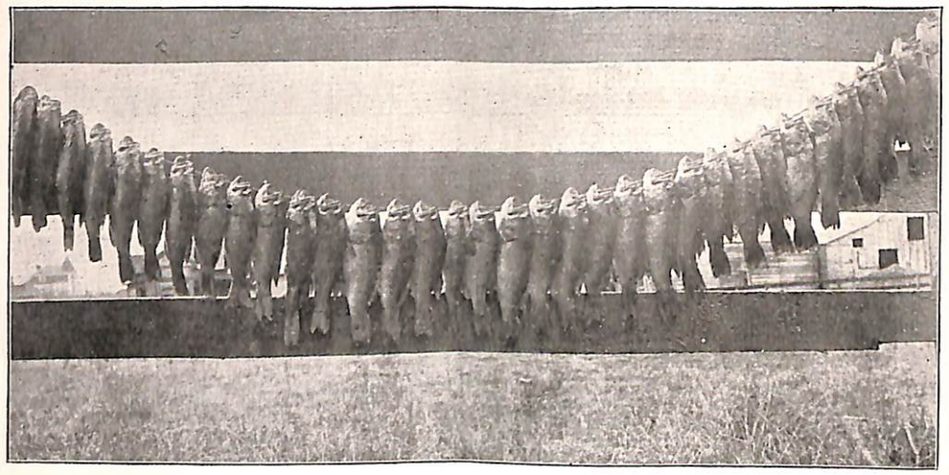
SCENE ON TEMPLAR PARK, DURING ENCAMPMENT.



AN AFTERNOON'S CATCH AT SPIRIT LAKE.

"Then over our gain and over our loss,
Over our Crown and over our Cross;
Over the fret of our discontent,
Over the ill that we never meant;
Over the scars of our self-denial,
Over the strength that conquered trial;
Over our semi-centennial year—
Year that to-morrow will not be here;
Swiftly and surely, from starry walls,
Silently downward the curtain falls.—*Michigan.*

It is very evident that a strong element of dissatisfaction is working among Iowa Masons over our present demit law, and that a change is imminent. We are pleased to note that deliberation is agreed to, so that when the change comes it may be permanent and a relief, if that be possible.

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A. A. S. R.

There are Consistorial bodies of the Rite at Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Des Moines and Davenport.

A special reunion of the bodies of the Rite was held in Aberdeen, S. D., May 25-28, 1896. From the list of members attached they must certainly be successful and prosperous.

From the Priory of Des Moines Consistory comes the sad notice of the death of Illustrious Brother Wm. C. Pipino. He was made a Prince of the Royal Secret March 27, 1896; died in Des Moines June 3, 1896, in his 44th year.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET:
Iowa Grand Chapter, Clinton, Oct. 28, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

MRS. JENNIE RULE.....GRAND MATRON
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Le Mars.

APPOINTED.

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Algona.
Mrs. Stone.....Electa
Columbia
Mrs. Kate D. Allin.....Warder
Iowa City.
Theodore Shreiner.....Sentinel
Mt. Pleasant.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The solemn, beautiful service held last evening at the chapter room of O. E. S., seemed most fitting in its nearness to the national memorial day. A goodly number of invited guests were present to witness the ceremonies. The Worthy Patron called to order and the rest of the officers marched in to solemn music and took their respective stations. After the singing of a hymn a short but feeling address was made by Past Patron G. R. Turner, followed by a vocal duet by Mrs. S. Morrison and Mrs. Chas. Illingworth.

The memorial scroll was then read by the secretary. Eulogies were then given of Ebenezer Ellis, by R. A. Whitaker; of Mary D. Whitaker, by Mrs. W. W. Fisher; of Henry A. Bailey, by Matt. Parrott, and of Lillian Parsons, by Mrs. Graham Stearns. These tributes to the dead were in most tender, beautiful words. At their close the entire audience joined in singing "Nearer my God to Thee."

Miss Inez Fullerton gave, in her graceful style, a recitation entitled "Palestine." Mrs. J. Jenness then sang "Immortality."

The filling of the memorial star followed. The chapter room had been appropriately decorated, the altar draped in white cloth and black ribbons and across the closed bible lay a spray of Easter lilies. The organ and the Associate Matron's station were draped with black tied with white ribbons and decorated with white lilies, in memory of the two who died during their term of office. Palms, ferns and potted plants filled other niches about the room. At the right of each star chair stood a small table covered with a cloth of appropriate color, on each of which was laid a form filled with flowers for the memorial star, a skeleton frame of which stood upon a table draped with black velvet standing between the altar and the east. The closing exercises began with a short address from the Patron, M. L. Newton, upon the lessons and duties of the hour. The Matron then spoke of the important part that colors and flowers bear in relation to the Order, and descending from her station to one beside the table below, called upon the Star officers to bring their offerings.

Miss Nellie Hoxie, as Adah, placed a form filled with blue pansies in the first point of the star; Mrs. Guernsie, as Ruth, the second one of yellow pansies; Mrs. Depew, as Esther, one of white carnations; Mrs. Hosmer, as Martha, one of green ferns, and Mrs. Turpening, as Electa, one of red geraniums. The associate Matron, Mrs. Kate C. Brechner, placed a wreath of smilax around the outside of the star. Mrs. Geo. Lichty, associate conductress, placed upon the shrine table a badge of membership and the jewels worn by the deceased officers, which were tied with crepe. Mrs. Morrison, conductress, brought the small bible used in initiation. L. S. Parsons, the treasurer, deposited a symbolic key. Mrs. Nettie A. Schwab, secretary, the memorial scroll she had previously read. The Matron, Mrs. Matt. Parrott, then completed the star by placing in its center a pentagonal shape filled with white roses, and across the top of the star laid a single white lily, a type of future resurrection, and as she did so called to mind the recent affliction in the family of sister White.

After the singing of a hymn the chapter was declared closed.

Mrs. Belle Evans officiated at the organ and Mrs. D. Roby and Fred White filled the stations of Warder and Sentinel.—*Waterloo Daily Reporter*, June 4.

JULIEN CHAPTER.

DUBUQUE, Ia., May 16, 1896.

REV. JNO. W. GEIGER,

Dear Sir and Brother:—Your appeal to the Order of the Eastern Star for reports upon the progress of the several chapters, should not go unheeded; in fact it should be the duty of each, if possible, to contribute their mite for the benefit of all. Dublin Chapter No. 125, is not sleeping but forging ahead rapidly, and has had for the past two years a heavy burden to carry in furnishing their new parlors in their new home, including a very fine piano. These unusual expenses at this time have been almost liquidated, through our musicals, socials, etc., and we now believe that no Chapter in the state is better equipped for pleasure or business, and with many thanks to our outside friends for their generous assistance.

Our Chapter consists of more than seventy members, all workers, with the true spirit ever uppermost in their minds, and who feel that nothing is too laborious for them, and always ready to further the good cause. Our annual Easter party was a signal success; our musicals and socials very popular; in fact all of our entertainments seem to increase in favor.

Our Grand Matron, Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, made a sudden and unexpected descent upon us, April 25th inst., through an error in dates, which almost took the breath away from the entire Chapter. But we finally rallied our nerves and combined our forces and had everything in proper array at the stroke of the gavel, soon forgetting all our troubles, upon the appearance of one of the most charming and entertaining sisters our Chapter has ever had the pleasure of honoring. Her gentle manner and thorough knowledge of the ritual and its proper exemplification, was explained in such a pleasing and acceptable manner that all present seemed to enjoy and profit thereby. Besides, we received no harsh comments on our work, or reprimand upon our efforts, and all seemed to regret her enforced and hasty departure, hoping to meet her again in the near future.

Trusting that these few lines will prove acceptable, with the assurance that the good cause continues to increase with No. 125, so may it prove with all of our Chapters.

ANNA H. LEVENS,
W. M., No. 125.

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Grand Matron Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, organized a fine chapter of the O. E. S. at Atlantic, May 13. The Chapter, out of compliment to the Grand Matron, took the name of "Golden Rule."

Since her election to office last October, the Grand Matron has organized eleven new chapters, and visited over fifty old ones; she is making a very successful executive, and the desire seems to be general that she should accept a second term when the next election comes round.

From both the Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary we receive notice of the following new chapters: Mry 13, (Atlantic), with officers as follows: W. M., Mrs. Laura Clauson; W. P., H. L. Frost; Sec'y, Mrs. L. E. Hollowell. They named their Chapter "Golden Rule."

May 15, organized at Logan, "Logan Chapter." W. M., Mrs. Laura A. Stern; W. P., S. D. Stearns; Sec'y., Mrs. Retta B. Johnson.

I start out again to visit and organize.

The Grand Matron reports having visited about forty Chapters thus far, and found them in good working condition. Our G. M. is still on the go, and is an untiring worker.

A delegation of forty members of Cedar chapter O. E. S., visited the sister lodge at Marion May 18, returning at a late hour on a special car. These two chapters of the Eastern Star have very warm feelings each for the other, in that their institution took place at the same time, and the growth of both since that time has been remarkable. Visits between the two have been frequent, and each time have resulted in improving the work of both visitors and visited, and in increasing the good feeling. The women folk of the Masonic fraternity are thus brought in closer touch with that great brotherhood, and their influence is for good. The Marion people are kindly hosts, and their hospitality was greatly enjoyed. With Rev. J. W. Geiger as toastmaster, the rudimentary eloquence of the Cedar Rapids crowd was to some degree brought out, and with a continued course of his insidious coaxing it might serve to develop some rhetorical and oratorical brilliancy. If enjoyed as highly by the visited ones as by those from this city it was indeed an enjoyable evening.

Davenport Chapter No. 178, O. E. S., marked the month of May by a complimentary banquet to Davenport Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M., after the regular meeting for Royal Arch work on the night of the 5th inst. The Stars were glad of an opportunity to express their appreciation of the kindness and courtesy which has so materially assisted them, and the companions present certainly showed their appreciation of the "thank you." The occasion was most enjoyable to all and served to deepen and extend that cordiality and sympathy which is the soul of fraternal institutions.

WILLIAM T. DOOLITTLE,
PAST POTENTATE OF EL-RIAD TEMPLE, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Cleveland, Ohio, June 23, 1896.
El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1896.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1896.

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OUR PORTRAITS.

This month we have the pleasure of presenting the handsome faces of two of El-Riad's noblest *sons*.

WILLIAM THEODORE DOOLITTLE,

Past Potentate of El-Riad Temple, N. M. S. of Sioux Falls, S. D., was born March 30, 1850, in Londonville, Richland Co., Ohio. He was iniated into the mysteries of Masonry about May 1, 1871, in Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Logansport, Indiana. Passed June 1, and Raised July 1 of the same year in the same lodge. He was exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason Dec. 8, 1882, and was Knighted April 9, 1883, in Cyrene Commandery, K. T. Sioux Falls. He is also a 32° Mason, having taken the Scottish Rite in Logansport, Ind., August 1, 1872. Of course he's a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He was High Priest of Sioux Falls Chapter in 1894; Eminent Commander of Cyrene Commandery, 1887 and 1888. He was Illustrious Potentate of El-Riad Temple, N. M. S. 1894 and 1895. At present he is Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota. In business life Noble Doolittle is an engineer on the Chicago, Omaha, St. Paul & Minneapolis Railway. As a man, a Mason and a Noble we have found our fraternal courtesy heartily returned and among his associates he is loved and respected by one and all. He is of course clothed in his Potentate robes and shows himself a ture son of the desert.

FRED A. MILLER.

This handsome representative of the Sultan's favorite, was born in Kewanee, Henry County. Illinois, May 4, 1860. His present occupation is Manager of the McCormick Harvest Machine Company in which business he bears the reputation of being the most successful of his class. He was made a Mason in Pioneer Lodge, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1885 or '86. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason March 6, 1889 and Knighted in Cyrene Commandery Sioux Falls, Aug. 9, 1889; and of course he's a Noble of El-Riad Temple, N. M. S. in the same city. He has been so busily engaged that he has never had time to hold office, yet he is an enthusiastic Mason. His dramatic talent is best portrayed in his inimitable make up as the sole lady member of the Shrine, Miss Lu-Lu, the darling of El-Riad.

OFFICE OF THE

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

A. A. O. N. M. S.

OASIS OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 26th, 1896.

To the Officers and Nobles of all Temples west of Chicago, and the Representatives of the same to the Imperial Council of 1896:

In accordance with my promise the following will be the itinerary of my pilgrimage to the Twenty-second Session of the Imperial Council, to be holden in Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23d and 24th, 1896:—

Tuesday, June 16th, 6 p. m., leave San Francisco, via Central Pacific.

Thursday, June 18th, 5 a. m., arrive in Ogden.

Thursday, June 18th, 8:10 a. m., leave Ogden, via Union Pacific.

Thursday, June 18th, 7:15 p. m. arrive in Rawlins, Wyo.

Friday, June 19th, 4:45 p. m., arrive in Omaha, Neb.

Friday, June 19th, 5:15 p. m., leave Council Bluffs, via Chicago & North Western.

Saturday, June 20th, 7:45 a. m., arrive in Chicago.

Headquarters of Imperial Potentate will be at the Briggs House.

Saturday, June 20th, leave Chicago in the evening, via Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, arriving on Sunday morning, June 21st, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Headquarters of the Imperial Potentate will be at the Weddell House.

It is my request that all Representatives and Nobles who intend to be present at this Session of the Imperial Council, and who can do so, will make it convenient to take passage on this train, at some convenient point on the route as above outlined, that on our arrival at Cleveland, we may as strongly as possible represent the Western portion of the jurisdiction.

Trusting that Allah will permit each and every one of you to enjoy in excellent health, the benefits of the coming Session, I am

Yours in the faith,
CHAS. L. FIELD,
Imperial Potentate.

THE GREAT FIELD DAY.

EL-RIAD AND EL-KAHIR.
AT SPIRIT LAKE, JULY 18TH, 1896.

Only those who have been so fortunate as to go to Iowa's largest and most important inland sea, can appreciate the advantages of an outing at Spirit Lake.

THE FIELD DAY.

Arrangements are about completed for a day of out-door sports at the Orleans between the Shriners of Sioux Falls and those of Cedar Rapids, or rather Iowa and South Dakota, for all Nobles and their families are invited.

THE GAMES

will be base ball, foot ball, town ball, corner ball and everybody who wants to can bawl as loud as he wants to, but don't guy the umpire.

None but Nobles of E-Riad or El-Kahir are allowed in either team under heavy penalty.

THE PLACE

Will be contiguous to the Hotel Orleans where all can witness the great entertainment for ball fiends and rooters.

OTHER EVENTS.

Foot races, jumping, hammer throwing and jumping; in fact all that goes to make up a great field day will go that day.

HOTEL RATES.

The management of the Hotel Orleans have given a rate of $2 per day, two in a room, or $2.50 single roomer for one week or less. Those who expect to attend should write to Manager Hotel Orleans, Orleans P. O., Dickinson Co., Iowa.

Those who prefer can doubtless arrange for entertainment either at Templar Park or at some of the numerous boarding houses near the scene of action. Go up to stay a few days or better go to Grand Commandery and stay over.

HEADQUARTERS

for the day will be at Hotel Orleans.

A SHRINE MEETING.

To accommadate a number of poor sons of the desert the Director, our own and only Ed. I. Alderman, will bring the El-Kahir warming pan and heat enough sand to do the job for any who come. Whoop up the Apps.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Those who have not been to Spirit Lake can take a look at the surroundings and they can set it down that this trip should go in with the summer's outing.

RAILROAD RATES.

The rates of fare will be as low as can be secured and will be given on application to the Recorder of either Temple. Nobles will find full information in the notices from their Temple.

MORE ABOUT FIELD DAY.

We are in recept of word from C. S. and H. H. Abell, that a rate of $2 per day will be made at the Orleans for the Field Day visitors (two persons in a room) and a rate of $2.50 per day single person in a room. This rate will be for one week or less. Subscribers who are not Shriners can have the notice of this meeting by sending us their address. For hotel rates and rooms, write C. S. and H. H. Abell, Orleans, P. O., Spirit Lake, Iowa.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

Boumi VS. Kismet—July 11, 1896, is the heading of a circular coming from Kismet's committee, and the event is the initial game of base ball for 1896. We wish we could be there.

Mohammed Temple, Peoria, holds a meeting and goes for an excursion on the river, June 9th.

Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., is out with a circular to the Representatives to the Imperial Council, inviting the next Imperial Session to the Capitol City of the Nation. It is well. Let Harrison get the members of Congress ready for 1897. Boom!

The finest half-tone group of official divans yet put out is that of Saladin Temple with their notice for the Battle Creek meeting.

Aleppo, Boston, sets a new pace in getting out a fine pamphlet notice with *advertisements* attached. Great head, Benny. Note Charlie's smile on the frontispiece as he looks toward the next page. Oh, advertising pays!

Oriental, Troy, N. Y., held a session June 5th. This closes the notice:

"Tis Shrine night, dearest, don't sit up,
I may be late, you see;
I hardly know what friends I'll meet,
And then I have my key."
"All right," she answered with a smile,
Her words were always few,
But she suggested 'ere I went
That I "take the keyhole too."

Zuhrah, Minneapolis, Minn., does nothing by halves. June 4th and 5th, were the great nights with them. The first for ceremony and the second for the banquet and reception—ladies night. We hope they had a good time.

Medinah, Chicago, is going to Cleveland in state—they leave their oasis June 22, via the B. & O., on a special train at 7:10 p. m. Each Noble "coughs up" $8.50 plus $2 for sleeper. They leave on the return trip, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and arrive in Chicago in time for business.

Lu Lu, Philadelphia; Pa., held a meeting, June the 3d, "the last before the Imperial Council Session."

From the Henderson Lithograph Company came a "cooler" in the shape of a fez shaped fan with the jewel of Syrian Temple printed thereon in gold. It is certainly a new and novel air agitator.

EL-RIAD'S GREATEST.

Monday, May 25th, was a gala day in Sioux Falls. It was a Tanta Fair. We were there with the "big four" shriners of Manchester—Beehler, Beardslee, Norris and Bradly; and did we have a time—well, fully three hundred howling dervishes went to Ringling's Circus, (and went free too), and then joined in a big parade with the circus outfit thrown in. In the evening a Great Shrine Meeting was held and twenty-one tender feet learned the ways of the nobility. We went to see the boys about the Spirit Lake meet, and when these goodies came 'round we took 'em in. El-Riad made it a pleasant day and the Ringlings are best shown up in their reception and the resolutions of El-Riad as follows:

WHEREAS, By an almost miraculous coincidence, our caravan under the guidance of El-Raid Temple was over-taken at the oasis of Sioux Falls by the powerful and gorgeous pageant from the far east under command of Ringling Brothers, and

WHEREAS, inspired by their devotion to our great prophet Mohammed and in defference to Illustrious Potentate A. B. Kittredge whose fame as a wise and faithful ruler had spread to the utmost limit of the moslem world, these brothers magnanimously placed their entire and perfectly equipped caravan at our disposal, thus enabling El-Riad to plant its banner far up toward the summit of Mount Ararat, leagues in advance of many more pretentious tribes, and thus making the joining to Mecca one continual round of pleasure, therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of every earnest pilgrim be extended to the aforesaid Ringling Brothers,

Resolved, That we bestow upon No-

bles Albert, Otto, Alfred, Charles and John Ringling the title of Shiek, and that they each be declared honorary members of El-Riad Temple, A. A. O. N. O. M. S., and that a day be set apart as a memorial of this occasion, such day to be known as "Ringling day" and to be celebrated at such times in the future as they may visit this oasis.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and forwarded under the great seal of El-Riad to said Ringling Brothers, spread upon our records, and published in the daily papers of the oasis of Sioux Falls.

A reception was given the visiting ladies by the O. E. S., on the same evening at the Elks Hall.

THE TURKISH KAIK.

IT MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE GONDOLA THAN ANY OTHER CRAFT.

Crawford, the author, to whose skillful pen Constantinople is indebted for one of the most charming volumes ever issued in its praise, has a word to say about the Turkish boatmen and their vehicle, the kaik.

"Constantinople owes much," writes he, "to the matchless beauty of the three waters which run together beneath its walls, and much of their reputation again has become world-wide by the kaik. It is disputed and disputable whether the Turks copied the Venetian gondola or whether the Venetians imitated the Turkish kaik, but the resemblance between them is so strong as to make it certain that they have a common origin. Take from the gondola the 'felse,' or hood, and the rostrated stem, and the remainder is practically the kaik. It is of all craft of its size the swiftest, the most easy to handle and the most comfortable, and the Turks generally are admitted to be the best oarsmen in Europe.

Indeed, they have need to be, for both the Bosphorous and the Golden Horn are crowded with craft of every kind, and made dangerous by the swiftest of currents. The distances too, are very great, and such as no ordinary oarsman would undertake for pleasure or for the sake of exercise. It is no joke to pull 15 or 16 miles against a stream which in some places runs four or five knots an hour."

IMPERIAL COUNCIL WEEK.

JUNE 22-25, 1896.

At Cleveland, Ohio, the leading events of the week are

MONDAY, JUNE 22.

Reception and escort of Imperial Representatives, and drives about the city and environs to places of interest.

Lake excursion to Euclid Beach Park; Opera in the evening.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23.

9 A. M. Reception and escort of Imperial Council from headquarters at Weddell House to the Temple. The escort will consist of the Arab patrols of the various Temples which are in attendance.

Entertainment will be provided for Imperial Representatives at Temple, during recess of Imperial Council.

7 P. M. Grand Parade of visiting Temples, Arab patrols and escorts, concluding with reception and entertainment at Haltnorth's Garden.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.

Grand Lake Excursion at 11 A. M.; Rides about the city: Base Ball, "Cleveland vs. Pittsburg" in afternoon, game called 3:30 P. M.

Low Excursion Rates to Cleveland, Ohio, via Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

On June 21st and 22d, the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. will sell excursion tickets to Cleveland, Ohio, at rate of $10.00 for the round trip, on account of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Imperial Council. Tickets will be good for return until June 25th, 1896. For further information call on or address L. S. Allen, Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agent, Chicago, Ill.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of Nobles regularly, we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

EL-RIAD—EL-KAHIR.

Plans are under way for a Grand Field Day Meet between the above friendly temples of the Mystic Shrine. El-Riad of Sioux Falls, S. D., and El-Kahir of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The time will be July 18. The place will be at Hotel Orleans, Spirit Lake, where ample accommodations will be made for all who come. Reduced rates on the railroads will be arranged for. See your local agent. The lists are open for base ball; foot ball; jumping; running; wrestling and any out-door games in which it is desired to engage. Look out for circulars when you send your address to Jno. W. Geiger, Recorder of El-Kahir, Marion, Iowa, or to Eugene Saenger, Recorder of El-Riad, Sioux Falls, S. D.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost. Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock.

The names of Nobles are placed on this list when mail addressed from this office is returned as uncalled for or undelivered. This is not a posting list of delinquents, but a request for information about missing Nobles of this Temple. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST-OFFICE.
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
A. G. Smith,	Ft. Collins, Col.
A. F. Graham,	Mason City, Iowa.
Edw. N. Pickering,	Boston, Mass.
Rollin E. Smith,	Spokane, Wash.
Guy H. Strong,	Duluth, Minn.

ABOUT MISSING NOBLES.

Numerous responses have come to our inquiries about Missing Nobles, but letters still continue to be "returned to writer" for all whose names are "on the list this month." Some are and others "are not" in good standing. Recorders will do well to demand the passports of visitors.

SHRINE CALENDAR.

We have just received from the Imperial Recorder the calendar for 1896-97; A. H. 1314-1315.

PASSPORTS 1896.

The Recorder is pleased to announce to all El-Kahir Nobles that he is ready to issue Passports of the new form to all whose dues are paid for 1896 or beyond, and that they will be needed in visiting other Temples as a copy in blank has been sent to each Recorder throughout the Imperial realm.

DUES ARE DUE.

Nobles of El-Kahir will confer a great favor upon the Recorder, with but little trouble for themselves, if they will remit by check or draft instead of waiting until the rush of the Meetings to pay dues.

TO RECORDERS.

El-Kahir Temple issues a Passport to all her nobles who are in good standing—*good to the 31st of December following*. We will consider it a favor if such Passports are honored when they bear the official seal of this Temple.

IMPERIAL IRADE.

The Imperial Potentate announces under March 20th, that the Imperial Council will meet in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 23–24, 1896, just one week later than originally announced.

Don't forget the date.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL, NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

CLEVELAND, O., JUNE 23–4.

For the above occasion the BALTIMORE & OHIO R. R. has authorized a rate of one first-class standard fare for the round trip. On this basis the rate from Chicago to Cleveland and return will be $10.00. Tickets at the low rate will be sold on June 21 and 22, and they will be good for rerun until June 25. The B. & O. is the only line running Pullman sleeping cars between Chicago and Cleveland. The fast express leaves Chicago at 7:10 p. m, arriving at Cleveland at 8:10 the following morning. Through tickets for this occasion will probably be on sale at all coupon stations throughout the West. Apply to your local ticket agent for tickets via the B. & O.

Tickets and sleeping car berths may be secured at City Ticket Office, No. 193 Clark Street, and Grand Central Passenger Station, corner Harrison Street and Fifth Avenue, Chicago.

BY THE LAKE SHORE.

As announced last month, this perfectly equipped Railway is in the push for business to the Imperial Council with the announcement that ONE FARE pays the bill for the round trip by either of seven magnificent trains all making quick time and having all the modern conveniences. Those wishing to make the trip should secure a LAKE SHORE FOLDER, in which is given full information of the time of departure and arrival of trains. For all information address C. K. Wilber, Western Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

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